

August 17, 2025

After Pentecost, Lect. 20, Yr. C



Summer is a transient time and we won't all be together in these coming weeks, but we will remain united in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, who moves more freely than we can imagine! This Summer in worship, we will share a Journey together with Jesus and his disciples. Each week, we will join in a shared activity for reflection. Contemplative music will play following the sermon to give space to reflect and participate. Blessed be the Journey, and may Christ be with us always!

Ring of Bell

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our
own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and
peace, but we turn away from the abundant
life you offer. You surround us with patience,
kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary
in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive
us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our
bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: We belong to Christ Jesus and we are
God's children through faith. In the cross
of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the
Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.

C: Amen.

HYMN *Let the Whole Creation Cry* No. 876

1 Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord
on high!" Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
"Praise to our almighty king!" Praise God, angel
hosts above, ever bright and fair in love; sun and
moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God
rejoice.

2 Servants striving for the Lord, prophets
burning with the word, those to whom the arts
belong add their voices to the song. Pow'rs of
knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw;
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is
good and great!"

3 Men and women, young and old, raise the
anthem loud and bold, and let children's happy
hearts in this worship take their parts; from the
north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone!"

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate
oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for
truth.

**C: Give us courage to take our stand with all
victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following
your servants and prophets, to look to the
pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23:23-29

God's word: like fire, like a hammer that breaks rocks
23 Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God
far off? 24 Who can hide in secret places so that I
cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill
heaven and earth? says the LORD. 25 I have heard
what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in
my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have
dreamed!" 26 How long? Will the hearts of the
prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies
and who prophesy the deceit of their own
heart? 27 They plan to make my people forget my
name by their dreams that they tell one another, just
as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 28 Let the
prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the
one who has my word speak my word faithfully.
What has straw in common with wheat? says
the LORD. 29 Is not my word like fire, says the LORD,
and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 82 *We read responsively*

¹ God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

² **“How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?”**

³ Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴ **rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they
wander about in darkness; all the foundations of
the earth are shaken.

⁶ **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you
children of the Most High;**

⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall
like any prince.’”

⁸ **Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:29—12:2

Faith of the Hebrews, a great cloud of witnesses

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

◆ GOSPEL: LUKE 12:49-56

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus brings fire and a baptism with which to be baptized
[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Please be seated

SERMON *Pastor D.J. Chatelaine*

ACTIVITY for REFLECTION

What gives you Hope?

★ Take this time to journal or contribute to our shared art piece by writing a brief phrase on a piece of fabric and tying it to the chicken wire display in the front of the sanctuary.

HYMN OF THE DAY ‘No Returns’ *Guitar*

Words & Music by Pastor D.J.

VERSE The fog rolls in, the tide goes out
The people all wandering about
The bell will ring, the birds can sing
And no one understands a thing
The people stare, there’s something there
But they’re all living without a care

CHORUS The picture’s painted for them
The writing’s on the wall
Yeah yeah yeah
It’s a world of mayhem
There’s a chance to save it all
Yeah yeah yeah

VERSE The shepherd shears, the banker banks
The oilman filling up his tanks
The days go by, the people cry
And no one thinks of asking why
The world it burns, the storm it churns
Mother Nature doesn’t take returns

CHORUS The picture's painted for them
The writing's on the wall
Yeah yeah yeah
It's a world of mayhem
There's a chance to save it all
Yeah yeah yeah

BRIDGE And when we all see
This world is a gift for free
Together we can make
A world of love, not hate (to Chorus)

◆ APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING
Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

C: Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING Spoken

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

God When Human Bonds Are Broken

No.603

1 **God, when human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.**

2 **Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress, for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.**

3 **You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release from the pain of earlier living; set us free and grant us peace.**

4 **Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life. Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger, give us faith.**

5 **Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true, give us love to go on learning: God, encourage and renew!**

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.

C: Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

◆ SENDING SONG

How Firm a Foundation

No. 796

1 **How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

2 **"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, For I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

3 **"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."**

4 “Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove, my sov’reign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”

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DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

Su 8-17	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee
8/18 thru 8/23	<i>Pastor Gone</i>
We 8-20	6 PM COUNCIL
Th 8-21	4- 7 PM FARMER’S MARKET 7 PM AA
Su 8-24	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27 – 6 PM
BACKPACK BLESSING - PIZZA -&-
PICKLEBALL



SUN SEPT 7 - RALLY SUNDAY
RISE & SHINE OUTDOOR BREAKFAST

** FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED:

Pancake Mix, Sausage Links, Syrup, Fresh Fruit.



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donation items for SEMN SWO LOVE

OFFERING: *Paper Towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, mop, laundry soap, sponge, multipurpose cleaners, cleaning products, antibacterial wipes, hair brush/ties, textured hair products, shampoo, conditioner, hygiene products.* Collection boxes are in the narthex, and entryway doors of the Ed Wing.



SUN SEPT 14 - 10 am - Forum

Tharan Leopold, Regional Gift Planner with the ELCA Foundation, will be here to visit with us and share information on legacy gifts.
SEE HAND-OUT SHEET on Entry Tables.

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